

May Programs

Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **7 days a week!**

Look for our program schedules on the web: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344

****Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

Nature Center Renovation: New Nature Center exhibits are currently underway. The Nature Center display room will be closed for renovation. However, the Nature Center office, program room, and restrooms will remain open throughout the renovation so feel free to stop in!

Welcome Back Weekend

May 1-3

Friday, May 1st
5-7 p.m.

Roving Naturalist: Campground

Be on the look-out for a naturalist walking around the campgrounds with a surprise visitor!

Saturday, May 2nd

8:30 a.m.



Mist Netting Demonstration: See a wild bird up close!

Meet: Canyon Inn Front Steps

Mist-nets are soft fine nets used by scientists to safely capture and release songbirds for bird banding. Don't miss this opportunity to observe a wild bird up close!

10:00 a.m.

INshape DNR Official Walk

Option 1: Hike an accessible trail about 1.5 miles in length –approx 1 hour.

Option 2: Hike approximately 3 miles on moderate terrain–approx 2 hours.

2:30 p.m.



Welcome Back Migrants! Meet: Nature Center

There's *another* group we should be welcoming back this time of the year. Learn about the spring migration and play the migration game for yourself!

Sunday, May 3rd

11:30 a.m.

Bluebird 101 Meet: Nature Center

This beautiful creature has long been "harbinger of spring." Learn about the bluebird monitoring project here at the park and peek inside a nesting box for yourself!

Thursday, May 7th

2:00 p.m. Critter Feeding Time- Nature Center.

Saturday, May 9th

11:00 a.m. Hoosier Quest: Nature Center

Discover, Connect, Explore... learn how to earn a property patch this season!

1:30 p.m. New Leaves, New Life! Meet at Nature Center

Identify native trees and their value to their environment!



Sunday, May 10th Happy Mother's Day

1:30 p.m. Mother's Day Craft: Nature Weaving- Nature Center

Bring mom to make a wall hanging out of natural materials!

Thursday, May 14th

2:00 p.m. Critter Feeding Time- Nature Center.

Friday, May 15th

5-7pm Roving Naturalist! Campground.

Watch for a naturalist walking the campground with a surprise!

Spot the naturalist and learn about one of the wonders of McCormick's Creek!

Saturday, May 16th

11:00 a.m. Weeding Out Wild Invasives- Nature Center

Identify invasive plant species, learn about how they were introduced, and ways you can help in their removal.

1:30 p.m. Plant-able paper craft workshop- \$1 per person- Nature Center

Join a naturalist to make homemade paper you can plant!

7:30 p.m. Free Live Muisic: The Hornbones at the Park Amphitheater

Enjoy a beautiful spring evening with the Hornbones in our Park Amphitheater

Sunday, May 17th

1:30 p.m. Tracks and Traces - Nature Center

Create your own animal tracks ID book and see which animals have visited the muddy banks of the creek.

Thursday, May 21st

2:00 p.m. Critter Feeding Time- Nature Center

Saturday, May 23rd

11:00 a.m. Creek Peek: Meet at Nature Center

Explore McCormick's Creek with a Naturalist. See who calls the creek home.

1:30 p.m. Butterfly Box Painting Workshop- \$10/box- Nature Center

Bring the family to paint a home for butterflies in your backyard!

-Limit 7 boxes, call 812-829-4344 to reserve your box!

3:00 p.m. Pool Program! Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break!

Sunday, May 24th

- 11:00 p.m. **Caves, Sinkholes, and Natural Bridges! Meet at Nature Center-**
Meet at the Nature Center. Learn about karst topography and cave critters on this 2 hour hike passing Wolf Cave. **Due to state protection of bats, we will unfortunately not be allowed to go through the cave.
- 3:00 p.m. **Pool Program!** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break!



Monday, May 25th Memorial Day

- 1:30 p.m. **Reptiles of McCormick's Creek** – Nature Center
Kick off the summer by meeting some of the reptiles that roam our park!
- 3:00 p.m. **Pool Program!** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break!

Thursday, May 28th

- 2:00 p.m. **Critter Feeding Time-** Nature Center

Saturday May 30th

- 11:00 a.m. **Snakes Among Us-** Nature Center
Learn how to tell the difference between the native non-venomous and venomous snakes that inhabit the park. Plus, meet one of the park's friendliest snakes!
- 1:30 p.m. **Get Dirty with Decomposers-** Nature Center
What happens when a tree falls in the forest? Discover nature's tiny recyclers at work in our forest.
- 3:00 p.m. **Pool Program!** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break!

Sunday, May 31st

- 11:00 a.m. **Hike to the Peden Farmstead. Meet at Nature Center.**
Discover what life may have been like for some of McCormick's earliest settlers.